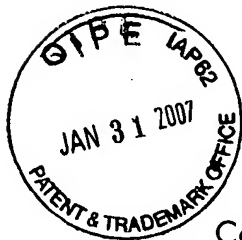


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Applicant: David W. Herbage et al.
Attorney Docket No.: A310429.2US

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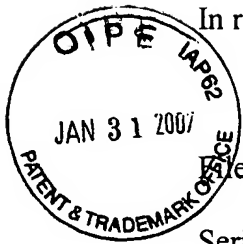
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In re Applicant:

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Examiner: **Lee, Benjamin P.**

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
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Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Abandonment issued in the above referenced application on January 18, 2007 for failure to respond to an Office Action mailed on June 7, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests that this holding of Abandonment be withdrawn because Applicant did not receive the Office Action mailed on June 7, 2006 and could not respond.

On or about November 17, 2006, Attorney Sarah Osborn Hill of Wyatt, Tarrant and Combs, LLP received a phone call from Examiner Benjamin P. Lee regarding the above referenced application. Mr. Lee informed Ms. Hill that an Office Action had been mailed on June 7, 2006 and inquired as to the status of the application. Ms. Hill informed Mr. Lee that her office had not received the Office Action of June 7, 2006. In fact, Attorney H. Roy Berkenstock

with Ms. Hill's office filed a Status Request on June 19, 2006. (attached hereto as *Exhibit A*) There was no response to the Status Request. Mr. Lee found the Status Request in the file. He said that he would reissue the June 7, 2006 Office Action.

Later, Mr. Lee called Ms. Hill again and requested that a change of address be filed. He indicated that once this was completed, he would reissue the Office Action. A change of address was filed in the above referenced action on December 4, 2006. The Office Action was never reissued. A little over one month later, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed January 18, 2007.

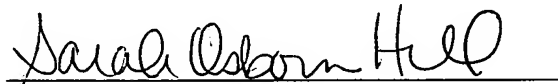
An allegation that an Office Action was never received may be considered in a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment. If adequately supported, the Office may grant the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment and re-mail the Office action. *Delgar v. Schulyer*, 172 USPQ 513 (D.D.C. 1971); MPEP 711.03(c) I(A).

The undersigned affirms that the Office Action mailed June 7, 2006 in the above referenced application was never received by Wyatt, Tarrant, & Combs, LLP. The undersigned completed a thorough search of the file related to this application and reviewed all docketing entries related to this application. The results of her search indicate that the Office Action of June 7, 2006 was not received. All correspondence related to this application and all patent applications prosecuted by Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP Patent Attorneys are routed through a central docketing clerk in the Memphis, Tennessee office. The clerk also conducted a search of this application's file and docket entries related to this application and found no record of the June 7, 2006 Office Action. A printout of the docketing entries related to this application is attached hereto as *Exhibit B*. This document also shows that Wyatt, Tarrant and Combs, LLP never received the June 7, 2007 Office Action.

Accordingly, Applicant has presented the information required to adequately support its allegation that it did not receive the Office Action of June 7, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw the abandonment and reissue the Office Action with a new period of time for response.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of the application, she is invited to call the undersigned at 502-562-7319.

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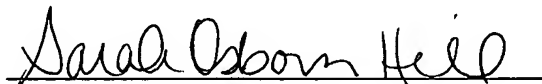


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Applicant respectfully inquires as to the status of the above identified application and would appreciate being informed as to when an Office Action can be expected in this application.

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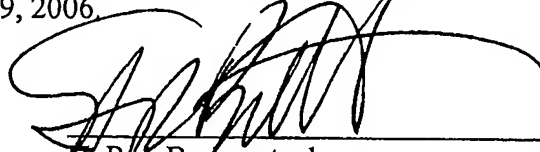
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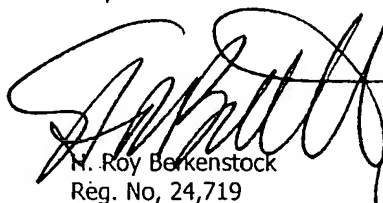
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